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that I oppose it is that I feel very strongly the applications have already been made for the 2003 school year. As you know, the university is in the process, and most of the schools will actually be out of school in the next couple weeks, so all of those plans have already been made. And I think like Senator Bourne said, it would be like nuclear bomb dropping on them because those students are planning for that need-based aid. Another change, we have worked very hard in the Education Committee to come up with this compromise, this transition, and one of the things that we want to emphasize again and again is that in this new approach the money follows the student. It does not go to the institution. The money follows the student. Senator Raikes made that point, that the student then decides. He does or she does have their choice of where they want to attend, but the money follows the student. Also, another change in the proposal of blending all of these scholarships into one, which will be called now the Nebraska Scholarship Program, is that the tuition will be capped at the tuition and mandatory fees for UNL, so it will be more on a level playing field as the amount of funding that students will receive. And I just want to point out again, as I did yesterday, that in the transition we are really turning this program upside down. Right now, let's just say the public is receiving, the public institutions, about 38 percent of the funds; private, 62, and that includes the career schools. And when we get done with the full implementation, it's going to be 60/40. So this is a huge change. I believe it's very important that we have the transition period to work through the process. Again, I think it is important that we provide need-based aid. As I stated yesterday, it does really encourage students to stay in the state whether...and I don't have the statistics before me, we've discussed these before as far as private colleges and independent colleges, that a much larger percent of those students actually stay in the state than those do attend our public institutions. So those are only some of the reasons that I will be opposing Senator Chambers' amendment. I think we are in the process. If we pass LB 574, we will have this plan underway and I'm very much in support. A couple years ago, I would not have been in support of what we are proposing, but as you well know, the legislative process is a compromise and we always have to give on both sides and I think that this is a